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Applicant: Wellinghoff, et al. § Group Art Unit: 1623
Serial No.: 10/056,121 § Examiner: Paul J. Killos
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Title: Novel Mesogens

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c)(1) TO WITHDRAW PATENT APPLICATION
FROM ISSUE AFTER PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE**

MAIL STOP 313(c)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sirs:

Southwest Research Institute, to whom the named inventors have assigned the instant application, respectfully requests that this petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(1) be entered on behalf of and as agent for all the inventors.

Reasons for Withdrawal Request

Good and sufficient reason for withdrawal from issue of the application exists. Applicant previously filed a request for continued examination in order to have items of the information cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application considered. Applicant expected to receive a rejection of the broadest claims in the application over the items submitted, and expected an opportunity to amend the claims. However, a subsequent notice of allowance of all of the claims issued immediately. Applicant did not believe that sufficient time remained to file a Second Petition to Withdraw from Issue. However, Applicant has learned that the application does not yet have a projected issue date. Applicant

respectfully requests that the application be withdrawn from issue and that the amendments submitted herewith be entered and the new claims allowed.

Filing of Request for Continued Examination

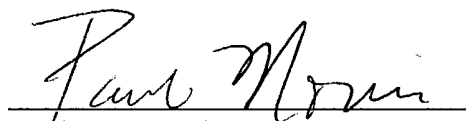
The Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith.

Fee in compliance with §1.17(h)

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0997 (SWRI-2835-04), maintained by Paula D. Morris & Associates, P.C. d/b/a The Morris Law Firm, P.C.

Respectfully submitted,

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